

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A gasket material that is manufactured from a joint seat having two or three layers of structure, wherein said joint seat is prepared by:~~that is made from an ingredient made by~~

~~mixing and kneading an ingredient~~rubber, reinforced fiber and filler, then and

pressurized laminating and vulcanizing said ingredient to form said joint seat,

~~characterized in that said reinforced fiber is as a sort of fibril which is composed from one or both of organic fiber and non-asbestos type inorganic fiber, and at least a part of said filler is spicular inorganic fiber and its composition is 10wt% - 45wt%~~ wherein said ingredient comprises:

a reinforcing fiber that is aramid fiber over 15% by weight,

a rubber material that is NBR at 10 - 30% by weight,

a phenolic antioxidant at 2 - 26% by weight,

a spicular inorganic fiber that is a magnesium silica hydrate at 2 - 26% by weight, and

the remainder is inorganic filler.

2-3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The gasket material according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein said spicular inorganic fiber has 40 $\mu$ m - 200 $\mu$ m of major axis of the particle.

5-13. (canceled)

14. (new) A gasket material comprising a joint seat having two or three layers of structure, wherein said joint seat is prepared by:

mixing and kneading an ingredient and

pressurized laminating and vulcanizing said ingredient to form said joint seat,

wherein said ingredient comprises:

a reinforcing fiber that is aramid fiber over 15% by weight,

a rubber material that is NBR at 10 - 30% by weight,

a phenolic antioxidant at 2 - 26% by weight,

a spicular inorganic fiber that is a magnesium silica hydrate at 2 - 26% by weight, and

the remainder is inorganic filler.